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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM U/SYG JOSE OCAMPO ON THE TRUST FUND ON
INDIGENOUS ISSUES

1. Mission received the following note dated March 10, 2006, from Jose Antonio Ocampo, Under Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, addressed to Ambassador Bolton, regarding contributions for the Voluntary Fund on Indigenous Issues. Text of note follows in para 2 below.

2. Begin text:

Excellency,

As Coordinator of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, I am writing to draw the attention of your Government to the Trust Fund on Indigenous Issues in connection with the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

In the wake of the adoption by the General Assembly of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade last December, in resolution A/Res/60/142, it is crucial for the international community to provide its sustained support for specific projects and programmes that directly benefit indigenous communities. The projects that the Decade-related Fund will support constitute an empowering tool in the process of participatory development that the UN system, including the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, has been advocating for. I am pleased to inform you that a large number of project proposals have already been received and they clearly surpass the current capacity of the Fund. The Bureau of the Permanent Forum, as the advisory group for the Fund, will be considering the proposals and advising me later this spring.

Contributions to the Trust Fund on Indigenous Issues can be transferred to the following bank account:

Name of Account: UN General Trust Fund
Account No. 485001969

Bank: JP Morgan Chase Bank
Address: International Agencies Banking
1166 Avenue of the Americas, 17th Floor
New York, NY 10036-2708
(ABA) No: 021-000-021
Swift Code: CHASUS33
With Notation: "For the Trust Fund on Indigenous Issues"

Add to notation: "earmarked for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People- Project code 1136"

I am looking forward to the support of the Government of the United States of America to the Fund and to our continuing cooperation on indigenous issues towards the betterment of indigenous peoples' lives.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

s/s

Jose Antonio Ocampo
Under Secretary General
end text.
BOLTON